

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, June 25, 2013  
AT 5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**

**Called to order at 5:30 PM**

**Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry**

**Staff Present: Lisa Potswald, Pete Clark, Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Michael Dalzell**

**Pubic Present: Dave Thomas, Mike Starck, Lois Carlson, Paul Brummer, Ted Michael, Dick Hoffman, Charlie Meech, Pete Rogers, John Wangensteen**

**I. Public Comment A\***

A. Nick Nelson announced that Omer Nelson Electric would be bringing the equipment needed for live streaming of Town Board meetings in time for the next meeting.

**II. Town Administrator's Report** presented by Pete Clark & placed on file by unanimous consent. Clark discussed two of the items on the report:

- A. The Town of La Pointe has established a Local Impact Committee with the Bad River Band of the Chippewa for the purpose of "having a seat at the table" with Gogebic Taconite [regarding the proposed Penokee mine project.]
- B. Clark has discussed the idea of the Town reacquiring the La Pointe School property with the Bayfield School District. The conversation will resume in late August or early September after the school district has had time to work on its strategic planning.

**III. Public Works**

- A. Roads
- B. Parks

1. Possible upgrade to Softball Field/Accessibility: Foreman Sowl will provide the paint for the project. Sowl also requested input from the Community & Public Works Planning Committee & the Town Plan Commission regarding an overall improvement plan. He cited drainage at the field. Supervisor Curry offered to walk around the field with the CAPP committee for the purpose of pointing out needed improvements.

2. Emergency Services 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic RE: waiver of fees: motion to waive fees for the Recreation Center Rental permit, the Temporary Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages & the non-alcoholic beverage license. HR/MC 5A MC

### C. Airport

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist presented by Michael Dalzell and placed on file by unanimous consent for the weeks of 6/9 & 6/16, 2013.

## IV. Committees

### A. Zoning

1. Appointment of members to Zoning Board of Appeals: motion to re-appoint Wm. Tibbles to a term on the Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBOA] ending July 1, 2016,. Gn/HR 5A Motion Carries.

Greg Nelson nominates Glenn Carlson/second by Nick Nelson to the ZBOA for a term ending July 1, 2016. 2A 1 Ab. 2 No Motion fails.

Marty Curry nominates Paul Brummer/second by Jim Patterson to the ZBOA for a term ending July 1, 2016. 3A 1 No 1 Ab. Motion carries.

2. Resignation of Zoning Administrator: accepted with great regret and with praise from the Board for her years of service. HR/MC 5A Motion carried. Motion to hire Lisa Potswald as the Zoning Administrator with a salary to be negotiated. Marty Curry asked if the job should be posted since the job descriptions for the Zoning Administrator and the Assistant are different. Pete Clark pointed out that the Town is hiring from within. Greg Nelson stated that Ms. Potswald had already had an excellent interview with the Board. And Nick Nelsons stated that the Town is lucky to have her. HR/JP 5A Motion Carried.

3. Town Plan Commission Recommendation for Zoning Administration Transition: the Town Plan Commission recommended posting for a Zoning Assistant.

4. ZA Request for Budget Amendment – Legal: motion to transfer \$2500 to Zoning Legal [\$2000 from the Town Plan Commission meeting budget and \$400 from Zoning Capital Outlay with an additional \$100 from the contingency fund] with future discussion regarding who is allowed to have direct contact with the Town's attorney. MC/JP 4A 1 No [GN] Motion carried.

5. ZA Special Report - Final not available

6. Resolution #2013-0625 to adopt an Ordinance amending the La Pointe Zoning Ordinance: Marty Curry asked if Section 7.3 was included in the resolution. Jen Croonborg-Murphy responded, "No."

Pete Clark recommended approving the resolution with 7.3 included. He feels this is important because it gives the Town the authority to amend CUP's.

[Conditional Use Permits]

Greg Nelson stated his agreement. He feels that elected officials should be the ones making the decisions regarding CUP's, and that 7.3 refers only to already-existing CUP's.

Motion to approve Resolution #2013-0625 adopting an ordinance amending the La Pointe Zoning Ordinance. JP/NN 3A 2 No [GN/HR] Motion Carried.  
[Clerk's note: the motion did not include 7.3.]

**B. CAPP**

1. Nominations for CAP Award Selection Committee: the following people were nominated for the CAP Award Selection Committee: Jim Kasperson, Pete Rogers, Michael Childers, Glenn Carlson, Dan Schuppe, Evan Erickson & Margie Denton. The Clerk will contact these people.

C. Housing Authority RE: appointment of member: motion to re-appoint Mike Anderson to a term ending July 1, 2016. NN/JP 5A Motion carried.

**V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Administrative Assistant's Report for June 2013 placed on file by motion NN/MC 5A Motion Carried.

B. Possible Acquisition of La Pointe School: previously covered.

C. 1% Voluntary Surcharge: Administrator Clark & Supervisor Nick Nelson will contact local business people who would be affected and survey their attitude.

D. Approval to solicit bids for health center roof replacement: presented by Pete Clark. Jim Patterson asks about the possibility of solar panels on the roof. Clark answers that he will so stipulate when he solicits for bids. Ham Ross states that he favors a metal roof. Motion to authorize Administrator Clark to solicit bids for a new Health Center roof. JP/NN 5A Motion carried.

E. Attachment "C" to 2013 Wage Resolution #2012-1227B RE: Police Officer: motion to adopt & sign Attachment C to the 2013 Wage Resolution #2012-1227B. NN/JP 5A Motion Carried.

F. Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce RE: request for funding presented by Lois Carlson. [The project is called Discover Wisconsin, and it is a series of television and radio ads that feature destinations in Wisconsin.] Jim Patterson asked how many minutes of the total air time will Madeline Island receive. Carlson responded, "Four minutes."  
Lois Carlson stated that the payment [a total of \$2900] can be paid in four payments over two years, but that she needs \$750 commitment at this time from the Town in order to secure a place for the Town in the project.  
Greg Nelson asked if the 2013 Room Tax has been earmarked for Big Bay Town Park. Pete Clark answered, "No. This is doable."  
Pete Clark & Ham Ross both asked to see the contract.  
Motion to allocate \$750 to Discover Wisconsin at this time with the Board to revisit the remaining payments. JP/MC 5A Motion Carried.

## **VII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting 6/11/13: approved as submitted. JP/MC 4A 1 Ab [HR] Motion Carried.

## **VIII. Emergency Services**

### **A. Ambulance Service**

1. Ambulance Director's Report for July 2013 placed on file by unanimous consent.

B. Semi-annual Fire Inspections: placed on file by motion: NN/JP 4A 1 No [MC] Motion carried.

### **C. Use of EMS building & equipment by non-EMS personnel:**

Administrator Clark contacted the Town's insurance agent Tom Ketchum in this regard, and Ketchum's answer was that use of the building & equipment should be confined to EMS/Police personnel only.

Nick Nelson objects to this and says that he spoke to EMS personnel who feel they should have 5-6 guests allowed to use the equipment at any one time.

Marty Curry asked what it is that's insured.

Pete Clark responded, "The building & contents." He will review Ketchum's opinion with Ketchum.

## **IX. Library**

A. Library Board Minutes: not available

B. Appointment of member to Library Board: motion to re-appoint Kimberly Jones to a term ending July 1, 2016. MC/JP 4A 1 Ab [HR] Motion carried.

## **X. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

A. Revision of Class F sign List.

B. Determination of use of the EMS building & equipment

C. Budget Amendment for Discover Wisconsin

D. Section 7.3 of the Zoning Ordinance

## **XI. Public Comment B\*\***

A. Mike Starck said that in the past all department heads needed Town Board approval to contact the Town's Attorney. He added that all department heads now report to the Town Administrator.

B. Pete Clark asked why the Golf Course is not on the list of liquor license approvals. [Theirs has already been granted.]

C. Nick Nelson expressed his concerns regarding the delay and lack of contact from Ashland County on their housing unit. The building was scheduled for occupancy on June 1, 2013, and it is still not available.

## **XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

## **XIII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses**

- A. "Class B" Retail
    - 1. The Beach Club
  - B. Reserve Class "B" Retail
    - 1. Tom's Burned Down Café
  - C. Class "B"/ "Class C"
    - 1. Grampa Tony's
  - D. Class "A"
    - 1. The Island Market
  - C. Non-intox
    - 1. Marv N Stewart
    - 2. Motion To Go
    - 3. The Beach Club
    - 4. Tom's Burned Down Cafe
    - 5. Grampa Tony's
    - 6. The Island Market
    - 7. Emergency Services July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic
  - D. Operators
    - 1. Owen Famulari (new)
    - 2. Jessica Williams (renewal)
    - 3. Gary Flores
    - 4. Barb Nelson (renewal)
    - 5. Charles Vermilyea (renewal)
  - E. Tobacco Products
    - 1. Lori's Store
    - 2. The Beach Club
    - 3. The Island Market
    - 4. Tom's Burned Down
  - F. Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" License
    - 1. Emergency Services July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic at the Rec Center
- All approved by motion: NN/HR 5A Motion Carried.**

#### **XIV. Adjournment at 7:17 PM**

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as corrected on August 13, 2013

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk